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# IN THE BLEAK MID-WINTER

Music: Mick Swithinbank  
(composed 1986)

*A slow two in a bar*

*p*

Soprano 1

In the bleak mid - win - ter frost - y wind made moan, Earth stood hard as ir - on,

*p*

Soprano 2

In the bleak mid - win - ter frost - y wind made moan, Earth stood hard as ir - on,

*p*

Alto 1 & 2

In mid - win - ter wind made moan, Earth stood hard as ir - on,

*p*

Tenor 1 & 2

In mid - win - ter wind made moan, Earth,

*p*

Bass 1

In mid - win - ter wind made moan, Earth,

*p*

Bass 2

In mid - win - ter wind made moan, Earth,

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*mp*

S.

wa - ter like a stone, Snow had fal - len, snow on snow, snow on snow,

*mp*

S.

wa - ter like a stone, Snow had fal - len, snow on snow, snow on snow,

*mp*

A.

wa - ter like a stone, Snow had fal - len, snow on snow, snow on snow,

*mp*

T.

wa - ter like a stone, Snow had fal - len, snow on snow, snow on snow,

*mp*

B.

wa - ter like a stone, Snow had fal - len, snow on snow, snow on snow,

*mp*

B.

wa - ter like a stone, Snow had fal - len, snow on snow, snow on snow,

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S. in the bleak mid - win - ter, , *mf* Our God, Heav'n can - not hold him nor\_ earth sus -

S. in the bleak mid - win - ter, , *mf* Our God, Heav'n can - not hold him nor\_ earth sus -

A. in the bleak mid - win - ter, *pp* long a - go. , *mf* Heav'n can - not hold him nor earth sus -

T. 8 mid - win - ter, *mp* long a - go. , *mf* Heav'n can - not hold him nor earth sus -

B. mid - win - ter, *pp* long a - go. , *mf* Heav'n can - not hold him nor earth sus -

B. mid - win - ter, *pp* long a - go. , *mf* Heav'n can - not hold him nor earth sus -

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S. tain, Heav'n and earth shall flee a-way when he comes to reign,— *mp* In the bleak mid - win - ter a

S. tain, Heav'n and earth

A.

T.

B.

B.

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S. sta - ble place suf - ficed the Lord God al - migh - ty, Je - sus Christ. *mf*

S. sta - ble place suf - ficed the Lord God al - migh - ty, Je - sus Christ. E -

A. sta - ble the Lord God al - migh - ty, Je - sus Christ.

T. a sta - ble place suf - ficed Je - sus Christ.

B. sta - ble suf - ficed the Lord God Je - sus Christ.

B. sta - ble suf - ficed the Lord God Je - sus Christ.

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S. nough for him\_ whom Che - ru - bim wor - ship night and day, a breast - ful of milk and a *meno f*

S. nough for him\_ whom Che - ru - bim wor - ship night and day, a breast - ful of milk and a *meno f*

A. *mf* Him whom Che - ru - bim wor - ship night and day, a breast - ful of milk and a *meno f*

T. *mf* Him whom Che - ru - bim wor - ship night and day, a breast - ful of milk and a *meno f*

B. *mf* Him whom Che - ru - bim wor - ship night and day, a breast - ful of milk and a *meno f*

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S. *mf* man - ger - ful of hay, — e - nough for him\_ whom an - gels fall down be - fore, *mp* the

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A. *mf* man - ger - ful of hay, — e - nough for him\_ whom an - gels fall be - fore, *mp* the

T. *mf* man - ger - ful of hay, — e - nough for him\_ whom an - gels fall down be - fore, *mp*

B. *mf* man - ger - ful of hay, — e - nough for him\_ whom an - gels fall be - fore, *mp*

B. *mf* man - ger - ful of hay, — e - nough for him\_ whom an - gels fall be - fore, *mp*

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S. *f* ox and ass\_ and\_ ca - mel, which\_ a - dore. , An - gels and\_ arch - an - gels may have ga - thered

S. *f* ox and ass\_ and\_ ca - mel, which\_ a - dore. , An - gels and\_ arch - an - gels may have ga - thered

A. *f* ox and ass\_ and\_ ca - mel, which\_ a - dore. , An - gels, arch - an - gels ga - thered

T. *f* ox and ass which a - dore. , An - gels, arch - an - gels ga - thered

B. *f* ox and ass which a - dore. , An - gels, arch - an - gels ga - thered

B. *f* ox and ass which a - dore. An - gels, arch - an - gels ga - thered

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*mf*

S. there, Che - ru-bim and Se - ra-phim thronged the air but on - ly his mo - ther

*mf*

S. there, Che - ru-bim and Se - ra-phim thronged the air but on - ly his mo - ther

*mf*

A. there, Che - ru-bim and Se - ra-phim thronged the air but on - ly his mo - ther

*mf*

T. there, Che - ru - bim, Che - ru-bim and Se - ra-phim, but on - ly his mo - ther in

*mf*

B. there, Che - ru - bim, Che - ru-bim and Se - ra-phim, but on - ly his mo - ther in

*mf*

B. there, Che - ru - bim, Che - ru-bim and Se - ra-phim, but on - ly his mo - ther in

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S. in her mai-den bliss wor-shipped the be - lo-ved

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A. in her mai-den bliss wor-shipped the be - lo-ved *pp* with a kiss.

T. mai - den bliss wor - shipped him with a kiss.

B. mai - den bliss wor - shipped him with a kiss.

B. mai - den bliss wor - shipped him with a kiss.

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*f* *mf*

S. What can I \_\_\_\_\_ give him, poor as I am? If I were a shep - herd, I would bring a

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A. What can I give him? Poor I am. If I were a shep - herd, I would bring a

T. What can I give him? Poor I am. If I were a shep - herd, I would bring a

B. What can I give him? Poor I am. If I were a shep - herd, I would bring a

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*sub p* *più f* *p*

S. lamb. \_\_\_\_\_ If I were a wise man I would do my part, yet

S. lamb. \_\_\_\_\_ If I were a wise man I would do my part, yet

A. lamb. \_\_\_\_\_ If I were a wise man, yet

T. lamb. \_\_\_\_\_ If I were a wise man I would do my

B. lamb. \_\_\_\_\_ If I were a wise

B.

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*Slower*

S. what I can I give him: give my heart.

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A. what I can I give him: give my heart.

T. 8 part. give my heart.

B. *p* What I can: give my heart.

B. *p* What I can: give my heart.